

WE CLAIM:

1. a replica Gm cell comprising:
at least one Gm setting device;
a pair of input transistors connected with said Gm setting device,
5 each input transistor operable to receive a reference voltage;
an error amplifier connected with said pair of input transistors;
a reference current source connected with said error amplifier; and
a current mirror connected with said error amplifier.
2. The replica Gm cell of Claim 1 wherein said at least one Gm setting
10 device comprises a pair of transistors, said transistors having gates that are tied together.
3. The replica Gm cell of Claim 1 wherein said at least one Gm setting device comprises a plurality of transistors, said transistors having sources that are tied together and drains that are tied together.
- 15 4. The replica Gm cell of Claim 1 wherein said at least one Gm setting device is arranged in a binary coded configuration.
5. The replica Gm cell of Claim 1 wherein said at least one Gm setting device is arranged in a thermometer coding configuration.
6. The replica Gm cell of Claim 1 wherein said at least one Gm setting
20 device is arranged in a segmented thermometer coding configuration.
7. The replica Gm cell of Claim 1 wherein each of said input transistors are operable to receive a reference voltage.
8. The replica Gm cell of Claim 1 wherein said reference current source comprises a current multiplying digital-to-analog converter.
- 25 9. The replica Gm cell of Claim 1 wherein said reference current source comprises a current multiplying digital to analog converter and a current mirror.
10. The replica Gm cell of Claim 1 further comprising a tail current source connected with said reference current source.
- 30 11. The replica Gm cell of Claim 1 wherein said current mirror comprises:

a mirror reference transistor, said mirror reference transistor having a gate, source, and drain connected with a first input of said error amplifier; and

5 a mirrored pull-up current source, said mirrored pull-up current source having a gate connected with said gate of said mirror reference transistor and said first input of said error amplifier, a source connected with said source of said mirror reference transistor, and a drain connected with a second input of said error amplifier.

10 ^{13.12} The replica Gm cell of Claim 1 wherein said current mirror comprises:

a mirror reference transistor, said mirror reference transistor having a gate, a source, and a drain;

15 a first cascode transistor, said first cascode transistor having a gate, a source connected with the drain of said mirror reference transistor, and a drain connected with a first input of said error amplifier;

20 a mirrored pull-up current source, said mirrored pull-up current source having a gate connected with said gate of said mirror reference transistor and said first input of said error amplifier, a source connected with said source of said mirror reference transistor, and a drain;

a second cascode transistor, said second cascode transistor having a gate connected with said gate of said first cascode transistor, a source connected with the drain of said mirrored pull-up current source, and a drain connected with a second input of said error amplifier.

25 ^{14.13} a replica Gm cell comprising:

a digital to analog converter, said digital to analog converter operable to receive a Gm setting code and output a current having a magnitude proportional to said Gm setting code;

30 a current mirror connected with said digital-to-analog converter;
a mirror reference transistor connected with said current mirror;

a mirrored pull-up current source connected with said current mirror and said mirror reference transistor;

a tail current source connected with said digital to analog converter;

at least one Gm setting device connected with said tail current

5 source;

a first input transistor connected with said at least one Gm setting device;

a second input transistor connected with said at least one Gm setting device; and

10 an error amplifier operable to provide a tuning voltage to said Gm setting device, said error amplifier having a first input and a second input,

wherein said error amplifier generates said tuning voltage by comparing a first voltage located between said first input transistor and said mirrored pull-up current source with a second voltage located between said second

15 input transistor and said mirror reference transistor.

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15. The replica Gm cell of Claim ~~14~~¹³ further comprising a first cascode transistor connected with said mirrored pull-up current source and said first input of said error amplifier and second cascode transistor connected with said mirror reference transistor and said second input of said error amplifier.

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20 16. The replica Gm cell of Claim ~~14~~¹³ further comprising a first cascode transistor connected with said first input transistor and said error amplifier and a second cascode transistor connected with said second input transistor and said error amplifier.

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25 17. The replica Gm cell of Claim ~~14~~¹³ wherein said at least one Gm setting device comprises a plurality of Gm setting devices, each of said Gm setting devices comprising at least one transistor with a source, gate, and drain and said plurality of Gm setting devices having said sources tied together and said drains tied together.

~~18.~~¹⁷ The replica Gm cell of Claim ~~17~~¹⁶ further comprising a switching circuit connected with said plurality of Gm setting devices and operable to receive said Gm setting code and provide a voltage to said gates of said Gm setting devices.

5 ~~19.~~¹⁸ The replica Gm cell of Claim ~~17~~¹⁶ wherein said digital to analog converter is operable to receive a Gm setting code having a number of bits greater than a number of Gm setting devices.

~~20.~~¹⁹ A method for calibrating a Gm cell comprising the acts of:
 10 providing a Gm cell;
 providing a replica Gm cell connected with said Gm cell;
 providing a high reference voltage and a low reference voltage to said Gm cell;
 providing a Gm setting code to said Gm replica cell;
 generating a tuning voltage utilizing said replica Gm cell;
 15 adjusting said tuning voltage until the difference between a pair of drain currents that flow through a pair of input transistors is substantially equal to a reference current;
 utilizing the tuning voltage generated by said replica Gm cell in said Gm cell.

20 ~~21.~~²⁰ The method of claim ~~20~~¹⁹, further comprising the act of providing said Gm setting code to said Gm cell.

~~22.~~²¹ The method of claim ~~20~~¹⁹, further comprising the act of generating a bias voltage to said Gm cell utilizing said Gm replica cell.

~~23.~~²² A digitally programmable generalized biquad comprising:
 25 a first Gm cell operable to receive a differential voltage input and a tuning voltage and generate a differential voltage output;
 a second Gm cell operable to receive a differential voltage input and a tuning voltage and generate a differential voltage output;

a first replica Gm cell operable to receive a high reference voltage, a low reference voltage, and a Gm setting code and generate a tuning voltage, said first replica Gm cell connected with said first Gm cell;

5 a second replica Gm cell operable to receive a high reference voltage, a low reference voltage, and a Gm setting code and generate a tuning voltage, said second replica Gm cell connected with said second Gm cell;

a first common mode feedback circuit connected with said first Gm cell; and

10 a second common mode feedback circuit connected with said second Gm cell.

24. ²³ The digitally programmable generalized biquad of claim ²² wherein said first Gm cell and said second Gm cell are operable to receive said Gm setting code.

25. ²⁴ The digitally programmable generalized biquad of claim ²² wherein said first replica Gm cell is operable to generate a bias voltage and said first Gm cell is operable to receive said bias voltage.

26. ²⁵ The digitally programmable generalized biquad of claim ²² wherein said second replica Gm cell is operable to generate a bias voltage and said second Gm cell is operable to receive said bias voltage.

20 27. ²⁶ The digitally programmable generalized biquad of claim ²² further comprising at least one additional first Gm cell connected with said first Gm replica cell.